

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

LONG TRIP HOME FROM RUMANIA

Robert R. Rakestraw Travels Through Half Dozen Countries to Reach America

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 30. — After a hazardous journey, filled with anxiety and thrilling experiences, Robert R. Rakestraw and son Theodore, arrived in the former's native town, Mechanicsburg, after a long absence abroad. They are spending some time with Mr. Rakestraw's brother, Roy E. Rakestraw, ice cream and ice manufacturer. Twenty years ago, Mr. Rakestraw left Mechanicsburg, for England, where he lived a number of years and at various other places on the continent. For the past eleven years he has been superintending the oil wells for the Standard Oil Company in Rumania, Europe, and now that the invasion of the Germans has made their operation impossible, Mr. Rakestraw decided to come to America, with his son, who was a student in Germany. It required seven weeks' time to come from Rumania to the United States, as they had considerable trouble with their passports and had to travel over a wide detour to evade the war zone. This included passage across the Black Sea, travel through a large part of Russia, Finland, Lapland, Sweden and finally England, where they sailed for New York. When they steamed up the harbor at that city, and the shores of his native country were out-

lined, Mr. Rakestraw said it certainly looked good to him. Theodore, his son, will remain here and attend, in all probability, Lehigh University. Mr. Rakestraw will tour the United States and when matters abroad clear up he expects to return, as he says Rumania is a beautiful country, and his business interests are there.

Lebanon Valley Students in "Anne of Old Salem"

Anville, Pa., Jan. 30.—Last night a good diversion from midyear examinations, which began yesterday at Lebanon Valley College, was offered to the students in the form of the junior play. It has been the custom for the junior class to give an annual play and the present class presented "Anne of Old Salem," a three-act play portraying life in the New England States about the year 1629. This was the time of the witchcraft persecutions and the play is based on the historical events connected with this persecution. The cast was composed of the following: Rufus Ness, Daniel Walters, Paul Shannon, Hubert Snoke, Thomas G. Foltz, Katz Ruth, Louise Williams, Flora Case, Dorothy Lorenz, Ada Beidler, Helen Shaak, Helen Hoover, Elizabeth Gallatin, Robert Atticks, Harry Kauterman and John Berger. The play was directed by Miss May Belle Adams, dean of the department of oratory.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE
Marietta, Pa., Jan. 30.—The annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church will be held at East Prospect York county, the last week in February. Bishop U. F. Swengle will preside.

Columbia Fire Company Holds Banquet For 250

Columbia, Pa., Jan. 30.—Last evening the seventh annual banquet of Keystone Truck and Chemical Engine Company was held in the assembly room of its building with the largest attendance in the history of the company. There were fifty-one invited guests and covers were laid for more than two hundred members.

Cumberland County School Directors to Meet at Newville

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 30.—Cumberland county school directors will hold the twenty-fifth annual convention at Newville, on Thursday, February 15. The meeting will be held in the new high school building and plans are made for a program of unusual interest. The principal speaker will be Superintendent W. W. Evans, of Columbia county. The program follows: Morning, 9:15, music, devotional exercises, Dr. G. M. Reed; music; address of welcome, W. H. McCrea, of Newville; response, T. Grove Tritt, of Carlisle; rollcall and announcement of committees; subject, "Difficulties of Enforcing School Laws; How Overcome," James A. Steese; Dr. J. Nelson Clark; general discussion, "The Country School and Good Roads," the Rev. T. J. Ferguson; the Rev. S. Eber Vance; subject, "Needed Legislation," members of the association. Afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, music; subject, "Consolidation of Schools and State Aid," W. A. McLaughlin, N. D. Buttort; reports of delegates to State convention held in Harrisburg, February 8 and 9; address, "New Ideas in Education," W. W. Evans; subject, "What Should the Community Expect of a Teacher," W. G. Creamer, C. P. Harvey. Evening, 7:15 o'clock, address, "How to Choose a Good Teacher," Dr. Ezra Lehman, of Shippensburg State Normal School; music; address, "Hanging Together or Hanging Separately," W. W. Evans.

To Be Buried on 48th Wedding Anniversary

Hummelstown, Pa., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Samuel Kautz died at her home in Poplar avenue on Sunday night after a few days' illness at the age of 65 years. Just a week from the day of her death she entertained a number of relatives at dinner in honor of her husband's birthday. Mrs. Kautz was a member of the Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband and the following children, Jacob, of Malvern Hill, Pa., Miss Pearl Kautz, of Newark, N. J., Mrs. Rausch, and Miss Kate Kautz at home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, the 48th wedding anniversary of the couple, at 2 o'clock at the family home with interment in Harrisburg Cemetery.

Lebanon Man Mangled by Acetylene Explosion

Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 30.—Rufus Weldman, while cutting a scrap tank with an acetylene burner at the Donaghmore Iron and Steel Company's yard yesterday, was terribly injured by an explosion. His body was mangled, both arms and both legs broken, his skull fractured, and his chest crushed. He lived about a half hour.

Burgess Returns to Duties After 7 Months at Border

Columbia, Pa., Jan. 30.—Captain W. Sanderson Burgess, who has been with the Fourth Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard on the Mexican border for the past seven months, has been mustered out of the Federal service and yesterday assumed his duties as chief Burgess. In his absence John H. Osterlag, president of council, performed the duties of Burgess.

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SUNBURY MUSICIAN DIES

Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 30.—Taken suddenly ill with an attack of acute appendicitis, Ralph E. Felix, a slide trombone player in Gaskin's Military Band, died yesterday. He was 56 years old.

WOMAN DIES AT PRAYER

Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 30.—While kneeling in prayer at her home at Watsonstown Mrs. Joseph W. Jones, 50 years old, died of heart trouble.

DELEGATE TO CONGRESS

Anville, Pa., Jan. 30.—Mrs. D. H. Meyer was elected as one of the alternate delegates to the Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington next April by the Lebanon Chapter. The alternates were chosen at an interesting meeting held on Monday at the home of Mrs. George Bowman in Cumberland street, Lebanon.

KILLED AT STEEL WORKS

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 30.—Caught while making coupling connection between two cars at the Standard Steel Works yesterday morning Edward Soubriin, of Lewistown, was so badly injured that he died a short time after the accident. He was employed as a brakeman on a shifter in the yards and was coupling two heavily-loaded freight cars. He is survived by his wife.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 30.—Frank Machen, 14-year-old son of J. S. Machen, accidentally shot himself on Saturday, while out gunning with a number of friends. The lad had gone in the neighborhood of Cross Station, Machen taking his gun along to shoot mark. He was walking along, holding the gun back of him, when he accidentally pulled the trigger. The bullet, a 22 short, entered the calf of his left leg and lodged in the flesh near the ankle, passing through the bone of the leg.

GROCERY STORE BURNED

Littitz, Pa., Jan. 30.—Fire destroyed the grocery store and residence of John L. Hosler, Monday night, entailing a heavy loss. Mr. Hosler who was alone in the house, narrowly escaped suffocation by the smoke, and was carried from the burning structure.

LANDIS FAMILY REUNION

Marietta, Pa., Jan. 30.—The Landis family, one of the largest in the United States, through the executive committee announces that the annual reunion will be held at Littitz Springs Park, Saturday, August 4. It will mark the two hundredth anniversary of the first Landis settlement in Lancaster county.

20 CASES OF PNEUMONIA

New Cumberland, Pa., Jan. 30.—There are about twenty cases of pneumonia reported at New Cumberland.

Social and Personal Items of Towns Along West Shore

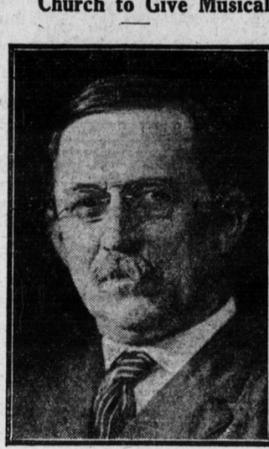
Mrs. Beard, of Lancaster, visited her sister, Mrs. Edward Sheesley, at New Cumberland, on Sunday. Mrs. George Sanderson, of Pleasant Hill, and Mrs. A. R. Kemperley and Miss Gussie Sanderson, of Harrisburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Besecker at New Cumberland on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sunday and daughters Thelma and Emma, of Lucknow, visited relatives at New Cumberland on Sunday. Miss Mary Lehy, of New Cumberland, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Henry Ebersole, at Milltown. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lehy, of New Cumberland, visited friends at Palmira on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sheely and children, Claude, Kathryn and Lester, of White Hill, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheely, at Shiremanstown. Miss Minerva Hershman has returned to her home at 1549 Vernon street, Harrisburg, after being the guest of Miss Gertrude Eshenbaugh at Shiremanstown. Walter Weigle, of Harrisburg, visited his parents at Shiremanstown on Sunday. Mrs. Frank Koser and daughter, Miss Elma Koser, of Camp Hill, were recent guests of the former's sister, Miss Mina Smith, at Shiremanstown. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erb and daughter Ada, of Sporting Hill, motored to Shiremanstown Saturday and were guests of the latter's grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Spahr and daughter Dorothy, 1325 Penn street, Harrisburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Spahr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wolfe, at Shiremanstown. Mrs. William Sutton has returned to her home at Washington Heights after visiting her daughters, Mrs. George Flickinger and Mrs. Samuel Fisher, at Shiremanstown. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kennedy, of Chambersburg, visited Mrs. Kennedy's aunt at Shiremanstown on Sunday.

Woman's Death Caused by Cutting Out Windows

Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 30.—When Frederick Wise refused to move out of a house owned by Carl Schroth, of Watsonstown, it is alleged that Schroth went there on December 17 and declared: "If you don't leave I will freeze you out," and therewith cut the windows out of the house. In a few days Mrs. Wise took pneumonia and died. Yesterday her husband appeared before Squire P. M. Savidge and swore out a warrant, charging Schroth with manslaughter.

WEST SHORE NEWS

Men's Bible Class of Enola Church to Give Musicale



EDWARD Z. GROSS

Enola, Pa., Jan. 30.—City Commissioner E. Z. Gross, of Harrisburg, will speak on "The Value of Organized Work in the Sunday School," at the benefit musicale and entertainment to be given under the auspices of the Men's Bible class of the First United Brethren Church Sunday school, in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening. This musicale is expected to be the best of its kind heard in Enola for some time and members of the class have spared no efforts in making it so. The officers of the class are: Teacher, the Rev. J. Stewart Glenn; president, C. L. Cocklin; secretary, W. W. Gracey.

MISSIONARY DAY SERVICES

New Cumberland, Pa., Jan. 30.—Missionary day will be observed at Baughman Memorial Methodist Church next Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Board, of Philadelphia, will assist at the services. On Sunday evening an interesting program will be rendered in which a number of the Sunday school scholars will participate. Special music will also be given by the church choir.

WOMAN'S LEAGUE MEETING

New Cumberland, Pa., Jan. 30.—The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold

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